



**COUNTY OF PLACER  
FISH & GAME COMMISSION**

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**PLACER COUNTY  
FISH & GAME COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**TIME/DATE: 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, October 26, 2016**

**LOCATION: PLACER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ROOM  
Community Development Resource Agency, DeWitt Center, Auburn  
3091 County Center Drive (corner of Bell Road and Richardson Drive)**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER – Kari Freidig**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Daniels, Fowler, Freidig, Gould, Flanagan, Husmann, Victorine

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR October 26, 2016 AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 28, 2016**

Agenda: Fowler/Flanagan/MPUV

Minutes: Fowler/Gould/MPUV

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Individuals may address the Commission on items under the jurisdiction of the Fish and Game Commission not included on this agenda for no longer than five (5) minutes. ***No action can be taken on items addressed under Public Comment.***

None

**V. FINANCIAL REPORT – Ed King**

Expenditures through September totaled \$692.

Court fines and penalty assessments through September totaled \$114.

## **VI. AGENCY REPORTS**

### **A. Commission Updates**

- The bear video has had over 18,000 hits on the county website and 600 on YouTube since its debut. The Bear League is also promoting it on their website and the feedback has been positive.
- After consultation with CEO staff it was determined that the Commission may provide direct comments on projects under review by the County Planning Department.

### **B. State Fish & Game Commission Subcommittee – Mark Fowler**

- Pheasant Season runs November 12 – December 25.
- CDFW 2016 Youth Essay Contest open through December 16.
- Federal Duck Stamps are available – 98% of purchase price goes to habitat restoration and scientific research.
- 2016 Youth Essay Contest now open.
- CDFW 2016 Nature Bowl registration is open for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Artists sought for California Upland Game Bird Stamp Contest; Submissions accepted November 14 – December 5 and must feature the State bird: California Quail.
- Waterfowl season is now open.
- CDFW awarded \$9.4 million in Prop 1 Watershed Restoration Grants. Local funded projects included the American River Headlands Project (American River Conservancy) and the Johnson Meadow Acquisition (Tahoe Resource Conservation District).

### **C. California Department of Fish & Wildlife – Adam Kraft**

Warden Kraft reviewed CDFW citations and the adjudication process (typically 3 - 4 months). April through summer is typically slow. September and October CDFW Kraft's squad issued 58 violations, 45 of which were in Placer County. Citations included hunting over bait, no licenses, hunting non-game species, no upland game bird validations, and a variety of other violations. Deer decoys have been shot twice and led to the successful capture of two felons.

### **D. Nevada Irrigation District/PCWA**

#### **NID**

Recent rains have increased storage; currently 122% of average in storage.

Hemphill project update – A contract will be awarded this week or next to complete three tasks:

- 1.) Assess the permeability of the streambank by drilling test wells and monitoring the flow. This will help inform if streambank infiltration is feasible.
- 2.) Conduct sediment testing of the material behind the Hemphill diversion structure. A physical and chemical analysis will be performed on the material. This will help inform diversion structure removal options.
- 3.) Conduct a hydraulic analysis to determine the flood flow elevations in the vicinity of the proposed new facility. This will help with design and location of new facility.

If conditions allow the work to proceed with minimal weather related disruptions and/or permitting delays, the target is to be done with these tasks by May 2017.

Additionally CDFW is in process of installing cameras the gauging station in Auburn Ravine near highway 65 to record any anadromous fish migration up Auburn Ravine this year.

#### **PCWA**

French Meadows is at 5,224' (87,779 AF)

Hell Hole is at 4,542' (115,996 AF)

Eldorado NF is closing Big Meadows Campground near Hell Hole this week

Middle Fork Project under maintenance outage until mid November (lower flows below Oxbow Powerhouse)

Folsom is at 390' (319,767 AF); Lower American River is flowing at 1,000 cfs.

The reservoir carryover is projected to be somewhere between 220,000 AF (371' msl) and 250,000 AF (378' msl) (December/January) depending on rainfall and fall outflows (1,000 cfs vs. 1,250 cfs)

#### **NON-ACTION ITEMS**

- VII. 2016 – 17 Commission Grant Proposal Review** – Grant proposals for the 2016-2017 fiscal year will be reviewed. New grant applicants will be present to give brief overview of their proposals or to answer any questions.

Applicants Friends of Auburn Ravine, Save Auburn Ravine Salmon & Steelhead, and Placer Nature Center presented overviews of their project proposals.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- VIII. 2016-17 Commission Grant Proposal Awards** – Consider grant proposals submitted to the Commission and award funding consistent with California Fish and Game Code Section 13103 and the Commission’s Operating Procedures. Total awards are not to exceed \$1,000 per recipient.

Because several Commissioners belong to groups requesting grants, their involvement with each organization was declared and it was noted that they would abstain from voting when applicable. Commissioner Freidig acknowledged that she is a member and volunteer of Gold Country Wildlife Rescue; Commissioner Gould acknowledged he is a board member of Placer Sportsmen; Commissioner Flanagan acknowledged he is a co-founder of Friends of Auburn Ravine; and, Commissioner Fowler acknowledged he is a board member of Fruitvale School.

This year’s grant requests totaled \$7,150 from 8 applicants; available funding was \$4,800. The table below summarizes project funding requests.

| <b>ORGANIZATION</b>                        | <b>PROJECT</b>                        | <b>FUNDING REQUEST</b> |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Placer Nature Center                       | Nature Bowl                           | \$ 500                 |
| Save Auburn Ravine<br>Salmon and Steelhead | Water Testing Kit Supplies            | \$ 1,000               |
| Placer Sportsmen, Inc                      | Kid's Fish Derby                      | \$ 1,000               |
| CalTIP                                     | Rewards Committee                     | \$ 1,000               |
| Fruitvale School                           | Peregrine Falcon Education            | \$ 650                 |
| Friends of Auburn<br>Ravine                | Fish Counting Video System            | \$ 1,000               |
| Gold Country Wildlife<br>Rescue            | Wildlife Rescue Operating<br>Supplies | \$ 1,000               |
| USFS American Ranger<br>District           | Used Fishing Line Receptacles         | \$ 1,000               |
|  | <b>Total Amount Requested</b>         | <b>\$ 7,150</b>        |
|  | <b>Available Funding</b>              | <b>\$ 4,800</b>        |

Motion to remove the CalTIP proposal from funding consideration -  
Daniels/Flanagan/*MPUV*; Gould abstained

Motion to approve Placer Nature Center's proposal – Flanagan/Fowler/*MPUV*

Motion to approve Save Auburn Ravine Salmon & Steelhead's proposal –  
Fowler/Freidig/*MPUV*; Flanagan abstained

Motion to approve Placer Sportsmen's proposal – Fowler/Flanagan /*MPUV*;  
Gould abstained

Motion to approve Fruitvale School's proposal – Flanagan/Gould/*MPUV*; Fowler  
abstained

Motion to approve Friends of Auburn Ravine's proposal –  
Fowler/Husmann/*MPUV*; Flanagan abstained

Motion to approve Gold Country Wildlife Rescue's proposal – Flanagan  
/Fowler/*MPUV*; Freidig abstained

Motion to approve USFS American Ranger District's proposal –  
Victorine/Friedig/No supporting votes; motion died

Motion that Placer Nature Center and the Fruitvale School receive full funding for  
their respective requests and that remaining funds be divided equally amongst  
remaining approved proposals – Gould/Daniels/*MPUV*

Final summary of funding requests and approved awards:

| <b>ORGANIZATION</b>                     | <b>PROJECT</b>                     | <b>FUNDING REQUEST</b> | <b>FUNDS AWARDED</b> |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Placer Nature Center                    | Nature Bowl                        | \$ 500                 | \$ 500.00            |
| Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead | Water Testing Kit Supplies         | \$ 1,000               | \$ 912.50            |
| Placer Sportsmen, Inc                   | Kid's Fish Derby                   | \$ 1,000               | \$ 912.50            |
| CalTIP                                  | Rewards Committee                  | \$ 1,000               | Not Approved         |
| Fruitvale School                        | Peregrine Falcon Education         | \$ 650                 | \$ 650.00            |
| Friends of Auburn Ravine                | Fish Counting Video System         | \$ 1,000               | \$ 912.50            |
| Gold Country Wildlife Rescue            | Wildlife Rescue Operating Supplies | \$ 1,000               | \$ 912.50            |
| USFS American Ranger District           | Used Fishing Line Receptacles      | \$ 1,000               | Not Approved -       |
| <b>Total Amount Requested</b>           |                                    | <b>\$ 7,150</b>        |                      |
| <b>Available Funding</b>                |                                    | <b>\$ 4,800</b>        |                      |
| <b>Total Amount Awarded</b>             |                                    |                        | <b>\$ 4800.00</b>    |

Public comment – Calvin Ryan from the Safari Club International inquired to how the Fish & Game Commission grant program works.

**IX. Adjournment** 7:30 p.m.